

**Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee
Municipal Tower
June 23, 2017 Minutes**

STSC Attendees

- ✓ Richard Staudt (SPS)
- ✓ Serena Lehman, Temporary Chair (SDOT)
- ✓ Mary Ellen Russel (parent volunteer)
- ✓ Cathy Tuttle (Seattle Neighborhood Greenways, Citizen At-Large)
- ✓ Shanti Breznau, Secretary (Citizen-At-Large)
- ✓ Margaret McCauley (new parent volunteer)
- ✓ Kevin O'Neal (SPD)
 - Alyssa Smith (Parent Representative)
 - Yvonne Carpenter (SPS)

Other Presenters

Cailin Henley

Public

Public comment

No public comment.

May 2017 Minutes: Approved

Richard – New walk maps will be out in August. Draft are under review. Serena – some maps are hard to read.

Wallingford project should be placed on future agenda.

Start Times, Crossing Guard Funds & School Bus Funds

Start-time is same as last year, 7:55, first bell 7:50. Shanti – sunrise, rather than civil twilight was the proposed new standard from STSC which would have been 8:00 for first bell. Shanti to try to follow up.

Serena - SDOT has funding for existing guards for one year – 2017/2018.

School Bus Stop Paddle Fund Update

Richard – This was a 10 bus pilot. It confirm that violations weren't inequitable, but across all neighborhoods/demographics. 0.7 violations/bus/day. Strong recommendation to Board to adopt. Intend to install on 120 busses (1/3 of fleet). King County will process for share of proceeds. Robust

media outreach – 30 day notification. Issuance starts at school start. Estimated 12,000-15,000 violation per year. SPS estimates \$3.6M revenues. Revenues must be used for school zone safety projects. Board to vote on moving ahead July 5th.

Can STSC help inform funding direction? Richard – as of now, a district walking school bus coordinator is internal priority.

ACTION: Richard to determine best timing on letter to board for funding direction. Need time to allow sufficient time on future agenda for STSC discussion. Agenda item next month.

Bailey Gatzert, Washington & 14th crossing – Youth crossing guard program

Shanti – observed 7:30 to 7:55. the intersection is relatively safe. High visibility, single north-bound vehicle lane, all vehicles stopped, only 2 light rail trains each direction. Few students crossing, most likely junior guards will cross adults using light rail. Teacher or parent volunteer should oversee.

Action: Support Youth Crossing Guard. Needs oversight.

Thesis – Equity in Outreach / Equity & Safe Routes Discussion

Cailin Henley presented her thesis findings. APPEND PRESENTATION.

Richard – There are different perceptions of safety in different communities/ethnicities. For example, whether it's safe to walk without sidewalks.

Serena – What are best outreach methods? FB pages, school paper, PTA blog. Focus groups for families at each school.

Shanti – Regarding STSC participation, a 2 year monthly time commitment is significant. A less time-consuming opportunity to participate is needed, one that doesn't involve leaving work during the day, inviting people in to speak without long-term commitment, going to schools.

Cailin- Diversify communication channels, identify barriers to walking/biking.

Action: Future in-depth agenda item.

Green Lake Area Paving Projects

Serena - All arterial streets are being re-paved (50th, E Green Lake Drive). Schools nearby include MacDonald, Greenlake, Bagley. Private schools include Bishop, Billings.

Mary Ellen - 80th is a major pedestrian barrier. Greenlake Dr is very wide & has no planter strip. Zoo access across 50th is bad, bike lanes are sub-standard.

Kevin - Traffic enforcement difficult when there's no place to pull over or hang out waiting for violation.

Richard – With street closures in general, is it possible to inform schools/bus that are not directly adjacent to projects?

ACTION: Serena – will look into how to better notify affected schools of transportation projects. Mark where schools are on map graphic. Add other recreational draws within area.

Crossing Guard Updates

Yvonne isn't present.

Safety Camera Stats

Kevin. Montlake is up for April. Mercer is up for April & May, as always. 24th Ave E is of concern – UW hospital – doctors, nurses. 15th Ave – VA hospital. Meany, Eagle Staff, Aki Kurose – target enforcement at streets near schools.

Future Topics & Announcements

School Pool/Bike Trains/WSBs/ORCA

School Traffic Master Plan – Mary Ellen

Serena – SDOT is meeting with Robert Eagle staff regarding pedestrian improvements around school. Crossing guard has been assigned; guard will serve only MS.

Serena – Meany follow-up around signage update.

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